

# The CONTEST OF WOMAN'S WITS

## \$500. in Prizes. A Single Incorrect Answer Now Means Defeat. \$500. in Prizes.

One of Many Letters

Puzzlers More and More Enthusiastic

The Puzzle Editor, Washington Sunday Times.

Dear Sir: Each Sunday only adds to the high fever of interest in The Times' Puzzle Contest.

Your present system of card index is an excellent one, and, for the use to which it is being adapted, cannot well be improved upon. From what I have seen and heard of previous Times contests, I know the intention of the managers is to award the prizes only to those to whom they justly belong, under the stipulated conditions. Now, then, while due diligence is, of course, being exercised to avoid them, still some one of the following errors is always liable to occur; and, should it occur, the contestant will remain in total ignorance of the fact until virtually too late to have it rectified, and, believing at the close of the contest that she has won one of the prizes, there arises that feature of dissatisfaction which is extremely undesirable to all parties concerned.

You are now receiving each week several hundred answers to the puzzles; a percentage of these are undoubtedly correct; one of these latter letters might miscarry, be overlooked, etc.; the person in charge of the card index would then remove that particular card from the index. It is also possible for the custodian of the index system to inadvertently remove a card from the index bearing the name of a lady who is still eligible.

Having qualified as a candidate in the final contest, and being a constant reader of your papers, I trust the following suggestions are in order, feeling, as I do, that they meet the approval of the majority of the contestants:

It would certainly add immensely to the excitement of the contest if you would set aside, say, half a page or less for the publication each Sunday of the remaining eligibles, and those who drop out would be quite as much interested as those more successful, because the final outcome could be followed from week to week; not only this, but it would afford the successful contestants a means of absolutely knowing that their names had not been dropped for other reasons than incorrect replies to the puzzles.

I inclose my answer to the orchard puzzle. Very truly yours,  
(Mrs.) LAURA W. GEILINGER.



### The Contest

The preliminary (or qualifying) contest is over.

This is the third installment in the Final Contest.

One puzzle will now be printed each Sunday, and the series will be continued until all the competitors except one have failed to send in correct answers.

That one will win the chief prize of \$250.

Those who stay next longest in the competition will win the other prizes in their order.

Answers must reach the Puzzle Editor, Washington Sunday Times, on or before Thursday following the Sunday on which the puzzles are printed.

The correct answers to the puzzles will be printed on the Sunday following, so that competitors can tell their standing.

When a contestant sends in an incorrect answer to a puzzle or fails to send in any answer, her name will be dropped from the list.

A card catalogue of contestants who have qualified and whose answers are still correct, is kept. Those whose names are dropped each week, through failure to answer at all or through the incorrectness of their answer, will find their names printed in a list the Sunday following their error.

Should competitors be tied for any places the amount of the highest prize involved will be paid to each.

### No New Names Will Be Entered

Only those who have qualified for the contest by answering, correctly, fourteen of the first twenty-five puzzles printed in The Washington Sunday Times, beginning April 7, are eligible for entrance to this Contest.

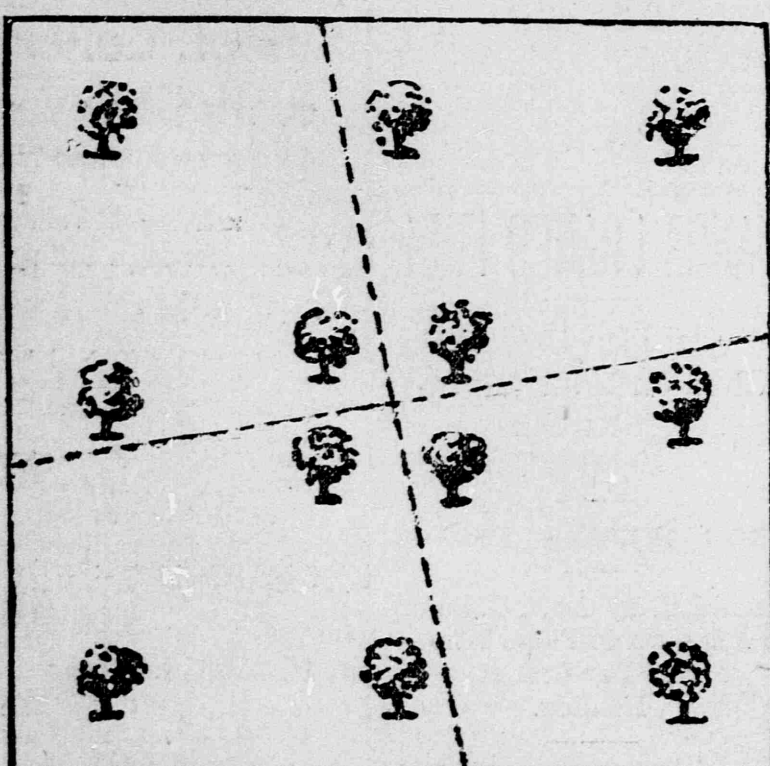
No new names will be entered on the card system.

Those answers which have been received, unsigned, have been discarded, as it is impossible to identify such answers when there are so many hundreds of contestants competing.

If a contestant remembers after she has thus mailed her answer that she omitted signing her name to the slip will she send in another similar answer and thus avoid the disappointment of having her name dropped.

Arrangements have been made by which answers from contestants who have gone out of town for a season may be received as late as the Saturday following the date of publication of a Puzzle.

### Answer to Last Sunday's Puzzle



The above solution is the one which has been generally accepted as correct and the one which the great majority of the puzzlers have sent in, but there have been a half dozen puzzlers who have sent in answers not tallying with the above, and yet, by actual demonstration, are correct. These few have been listed as correct, but their answers are not given for lack of space. Those contestants whose answers were both different from the above and absolutely incorrect will find their names in the printed list of those who have failed; so that any contestant who sent in an answer different from the above, and yet does not find her name in the lists of the failed, may rest assured that her answer was correct and has been listed as such.

### List of Failures

In answer to the above letter, this list is printed, containing the names of those who either failed to answer one of the first two puzzles in the final contest or sent in an incorrect answer. All the names here printed have been dropped from the lists. Should a contestant have conclusive proof that her name is in this list through any error on the part of the Puzzle Editor, she is requested to make a personal call at The Washington Sunday Times office if she wishes to have the matter satisfactorily arranged.

No names will be reinstated on the card index system because the contestant failed to sign her name to her answer. In such cases the contestant's answer will be considered correct only

when she has discovered her mistake in time and has sent in a second correct answer, signed.

A similar list will be published each week.

Miss ELEANOR G. ASHBY.  
Miss HATTIE R. ARNELL.  
Mrs. C. D. ATKINSON.  
Miss C. T. ADAMS.  
Mrs. VENIA A. BAILEY.  
Miss KATE D. BARTOW.  
Mrs. MAGGIE BEECHNER.  
Miss L. K. BENNET.  
Miss EVA BERRY.  
Miss JOSEPHINE S. BOE.  
Mrs. JENNIE BOLIS.  
Mrs. IDA BOWERS.  
Mrs. JUDSON BRADWAY.  
Mrs. BERNARD BRADWAY.  
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Mrs. R. L. CAMPBELL.

Miss ELIZABETH M. H. CHICHESTER.  
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Miss BIRDIE C. COOK.  
Miss MAMIE CROUNSE.  
Miss EVA M. DEENER.  
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Mrs. L. DOWNS.  
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Miss FLORA FRANK.  
Miss NANNIE N. GARNET.  
Mrs. R. B. GLENNAN.  
Miss VIRGINIA GOTT.  
Miss IDA M. HAZARD.  
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Mrs. JOHN W. HOWSER.  
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Miss LIZZIE LEWIS.  
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Mrs. SUSIE P. LINK.  
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Mrs. GRACE B. RHODES.  
Mrs. M. B. RIDGATE.  
Miss P. M. RITA.  
Miss MARY ROGERS.  
Mrs. S. ARABELLA ROOD.  
Miss ANNA C. SHEPARD.  
Miss JULIA W. SIMMS.  
Mrs. W. M. SMYTHE.  
Mrs. COLUMBIA SMITHERS.  
Mrs. L. M. SOUSA.  
Miss MARY E. SPENCE.  
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Miss CHARLOTTE STANTON.  
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Mrs. T. J. TRAVIS.  
Mrs. MARY P. TWOMBLY.  
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Miss EDNA LOGAN.  
Mrs. VAN AUKEN.  
Miss ROBERTA F. DAVIS.  
Miss MOSBY DAVIS.

### THE MARKET WOMAN AND HER STOCK

#### Third Puzzle in the Final Contest

A picturesque old market woman was selling apples one day at the market. Three boys were her customers.

The first boy bought half her stock and gave her back ten.

The second bought a third of what she had then remaining and gave her back two.

The third bought half of her then remaining stock and gave her back one.

This bargaining concluded, she found that she had only twelve apples left.

How many had she at first?

This puzzle may be worked out algebraically or by simple mental arithmetic. Puzzlers, in giving their answer, need only give the exact number of apples which the market woman had in her stock to begin with; it is not necessary to give the intermediate steps in the problem.

### THE PRIZES.

First Prize.....	\$250.00	Sixth Prize.....	\$10.00
Second Prize.....	\$100.00	Seventh Prize.....	\$10.00
Third Prize.....	\$50.00	Eighth Prize.....	\$10.00
Fourth Prize.....	\$25.00	Ninth Prize.....	\$10.00
Fifth Prize.....	\$15.00	Tenth Prize.....	\$10.00
Eleventh Prize.....	\$10.00		

### Coupon for Answer

Write your answer in the space indicated below and send this coupon to Puzzle Editor, Washington Sunday Times:

My answer to Puzzle No. 3 is.....

Name.....

Address.....